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FM AMEMBASSY MASERU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4031

INFO AMEMBASSY CONAKRY

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AMEMBASSY MBABANE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MASERU 0510

E O 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR GV LT

SUBJ: ALLEGATION OF FALSE U.S. REPORT TO LESOTHO GOVERNMENT
REGARDING WOULD-BE ASSASSINS OF LESOTHO PRIME MINISTER

REF : CONAKRY 661

1. EMBASSY UNAWARE OF ANY LETTER BOMB ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE
LESOTHO PRIME MINISTER CHIEF LEABUA JONATHAN. IT THEREFORE
FOLLOWS, AS EMBASSY CONAKRY HAS CORRECTLY SURMISED, THAT NO
"AMERICAN OFFICIAL" HERE HAS TOLD GOL THAT PLOTTERS HAVE FLED
TO GUINEA.

2. THIS IS NOT FIRST TIME THAT MOOKI MOLAPO, LESOTHO'S UN
PERMREP, HAS BEEN SOURCE OF MISINFORMATION. HE MAY HAVE IN
MIND UNSUCCESSFUL JANUARY 1974 COUP ATTEMPT BY OPPOSITION
CONGRESS PARY IN WHICH JONATHAN MARKED FOR ASSASSINATION.
CONGRESS PARTY LEADER NTSU MOKHEHLE, WHO FLED LESOTHO, WAS
NKRUMAH DEVOTEE AND GOL OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD US HE AND OTHERS
WHO FLED WITH HIM MIGHT EVENTUALLY END UP IN GUINEA. WE DO
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NOT KNOW THIS TO BE THE CASE AND GOL IS PROBABLY ONLY GUESS-

ING. LUSAKA IS MOKHEHLE'S LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS. GOL HAS
NOT ASKED FOR USG CONFIRMATION HE AND FOLLOWERS ARE THERE NOR
HAS IT ASKED FOR HELP IN TRACING HIM IF HE HAS MOVED ON.
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